

Patent claims

1. A tooth cleaning means (1) consisting of at least one monofilament or multifilament thread, characterised in that the thread (4) or the threads (4,5) is or are high elastically stretchable and under the effect of tensile forces its/their cross sectional area reduces/reduce, and that the at least one thread is formed into a formation by way of textile processing, specifically by one of the methods from the selection of braiding, knotting, doubling, weaving or knitting, said formation having an abrasively acting surface;
2. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the means (1) consists of several monofilament or multifilament threads and these at any desired distances, to one another are unreleasably connected amongst one another over a short distance such that a severing is impossible without the threads coming undone.
3. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that the unreleasable connection (3) is effected by adhering, pressing or welding.
4. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that this is manufactured endlessly and at regular distances comprises a connection location (3) serving the severing.
5. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that at the connection location (3) there is arranged an oblique cut or an oblique cut separating location.
6. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that the monofilament or multifilament threads (4, 5) are provided at least with one thread in a colouring differing from the remaining ones.

7. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 6, characterised in that there are present at least one thread (4, 5) with a bright and with a dark colour tone.
8. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 2, characterised in that at least two monofilament threads (4, 5) are integrated with cross sectional areas differing greatly in size.
9. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that there is used at least one monofilament thread (4) which has a polygonal cross sectional area.
10. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the at least one monofilament or multifilament thread (4) is applied into a loop.
11. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one monofilament or multifilament thread is coated with tooth or gum caring means.
12. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the monofilament or multifilament thread or threads is or are manufactured of high-elastic plastic.
13. A tooth cleaning means according to claim 1, characterised in that the monofilament or multifilament thread or threads is or are manufactured of latex.